

WELCOME TO ST. DAVID'S PARISH

December 24th, 2023

4th Sunday of Advent – B –



Reflection

Today's Gospel stresses the key role of Mary in the work of our salvation. Let us share her joy as we prepare to welcome Christ into our world and into our hearts. Let us be a Christmas gift to others, by preparing our hearts for Jesus and filling them with love, mercy and compassion.

Merry Christmas

On behalf of Fr. Ernie, Fr. Isaias, and the staff of St. David's Parish, we wish you and your families a most Blessed and Joyful Christmas. May the birth of our Saviour bring all of us a renewed desire for peace and unity.

Office Hours

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th. On Boxing Day, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am.

Our Church Looks Fantastic!!!

Our thanks go out to all the parishioners who donated poinsettias and the many volunteers who came out to help decorate our worship space. St. David's looks absolutely spectacular (inside and outside; upstairs and downstairs)!!!

Children's Masses

The Feast of the Holy Family is a wonderful occasion for us to give thanks to God for the gift of our human family and of our parish family. At St. David's we are blessed to have so many children in our midst who lighten our hearts and make us smile. Next Sunday we won't be having our usual Liturgy of the Word for children; instead the children will be invited to the altar at the time of the homily for a shared reflection. Many thanks go out to the Children's Liturgy leaders who have done so much to make Mass more meaningful for our young children.



2024 Offering Envelopes

The offertory envelopes for 2024, for the Maple area, are being delivered to your home by our wonderful volunteers. If you do not live in the Maple area, please contact the Parish office to come and pick up your envelopes in the office. Please put your full name and address on the first 4 envelopes that you use in order that we may verify and adjust our records. **Please remember, you should only start using the new envelopes in 2024.**

The Life Centre

Parishioners, who took TLC gift envelopes home, can still return their donation in the church collection basket or donate online at <http://www.tlcthelifecentre.ca>.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

5:30 p.m. – English Mass (Children's Choir)

10:00 p.m. – Bilingual Mass

12:00 a.m. midnight – English Mass

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day

7:30 a.m. – Italian Mass

9:00 a.m. – English Mass

10:30 a.m. – Italian Mass in Church

- English Mass in Hall

12:00 noon- English Mass

NO MASS AT 5:30 P.M.



Ring out Christmas Bells

Christmas is a time of joy. Bring your bells to Church for the Christmas Masses and ring them for the singing of the Gloria. At the birth of our Saviour, let's make a joyful noise unto the Lord!!!

*****Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Paul*****

Fr. Ernie will be leading a group of pilgrims from our parish from April 15th to 26th, 2024 to visit Greece & one day in Turkiye, featuring a three day cruise. This 12 day journey of faith will cost \$4,890 per person (double occupancy) with breakfast, dinner and great accommodations included. Do not miss this wonderful opportunity to travel to the places St. Paul visited and built up the early Christian community. Please call Henry at 647-272-2811 to book your spot.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Anyone in need of assistance is asked to call our special help line at 647-641-3411. We also accept donations of non-perishable food throughout the year.



Wednesdays with Jesus

If there is anyone willing to commit to one hour or half hour every Wednesday between 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. (especially from the hours of 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.) to remain with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, please contact Pina at 905-832-1812. Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament cannot be left alone, so we need committed individuals to sit in prayer with Jesus.

****Formed****

Remember to register for this free, online parish resource so that you can take advantage of the many wonderful programs that will nurture your faith. Go to formed.org then click "Sign In", enter your email, click the link in your email. You're in! No more passwords! Start today!!!!

BENVENUTI A ST. DAVID'S



Quarta Domenica di Avvento – B –

Gli atti più liberatori di energia per l'umanità non avvengono necessariamente sotto la luce dei riflettori e al suono delle fanfare. L'annuncio a Maria nella penombra di un'umile casa palestinese ce lo ricorda efficacemente.

Buon Natale

Da parte di Fr. Ernie, Fr. Isaias e il personale della parrocchia di St. David, auguriamo a voi e alle vostre famiglie un Natale benedetto e gioioso. Possa la nascita del nostro Salvatore portare a tutti noi un rinnovato desiderio di pace e di unità.

Orario dell'Ufficio

L'ufficio parrocchiale sarà chiuso il 25 e 26 dicembre. Questo martedì (Boxing Day) la Santa Messa sarà celebrata alle 9:00 am.



Suoniamo le Campane!!!!!!

Portate le vostre campane in chiesa per le messe di Natale. Le suoneremo per il Gloria!!!!



...a tutti i volontari che hanno fatto tanto per abbellire la nostra chiesa per le feste natalizie. Siamo orgogliosi che St. Davide è la più bella chiesa della nostra diocesi!!

*****Pellegrinaggio sulle Orme di San Paolo*****

Don Ernesto guiderà un gruppo di pellegrini della nostra parrocchia dal 15 al 26 aprile 2024 per visitare la Grecia e un giorno in Turchia, con un crociera di tre giorni. Questo viaggio di fede di 12 giorni costerà \$4,890 a persona (camera doppia) con colazione, cena e ottimo alloggio inclusi. Non perdere questa meravigliosa opportunità di viaggiare nei luoghi visitati da San Paolo e dove ha costruito le prime comunità cristiane. Chiama Henry al numero 647-272-2811 per prenotare il tuo posto.

Mercoledì con Gesù

Se siete disposti ad impegnarvi un'ora ogni mercoledì tra le 8:00 am e 7:00 pm (soprattutto dalle ore 4:00 pm alle 6:00 pm) per rimanere con Gesù nel Santissimo Sacramento, chiamate Pina al 905-832-1812. Gesù nel Santissimo Sacramento non può essere lasciato solo, quindi abbiamo bisogno di persone impegnate per trascorrere del tempo in preghiera con Lui. Grazie a tutti quelli che si non già impegnati a pregare in chiesa.



Buste di Offerte - 2024

La maggior parte delle scatole è stata consegnata a casa tua. Chiama l'ufficio se non hai ricevuto la tua scatola. Inserisci il tuo nome completo e indirizzo sulle prime 4 buste che utilizzi in modo che possiamo verificare e modificare i nostri record. **Si prega non utilizzare buste di un altro anno!!! Grazie per aver sostenuto la nostra parrocchia**



Saturday – Sabato December 23

5:30 p.m. †Clare & Joseph O'Reilly

Sunday – Domenica December 24
4th Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. †Nicola Mattacchione

9:00 a.m. Pro Populo

10:30 a.m. †Annunziata Maiola (1 Yr) †Gerardo Stillo †Pina e Franco Aquino †Natale Parise †Mario Nudo †Joe e Filomena Ferriera †Pasquale e Teresa Nudo †Maria Chiappetta †Loreta Zoffranieri †Vera Zoffranieri †Antonio Cucullo (2 Yrs) †Luigi Bianchi †Vincenza Bianchi †Giuseppe Bianchi †Marco Bianchi †Antonio Grossi †Francesca Grossi †Lucia Grossi †Nazarena Trelle †Gerald Encabo Reyes †Gilda Padillo †Fortunato e Domenico Gullace In Thanksgiving of Padre Pio

12:00 p.m. †Vittorio Terreri †Stefano Giustizia

Christmas Eve

5:30 p.m. Pro Populo – English Mass

10:00 p.m. Pro Populo – Bilingual Mass

12:00 a.m. midnight Pro Populo – English Mass

Monday – Lunedì December 25 Christmas Day

7:30 a.m. Pro Populo – Italian Mass

9:00 a.m. Pro Populo – English Mass

**10:30 a.m. Pro Populo – Italian Mass in Church
English Mass in Hall**

12:00 noon Pro Populo – English Mass

Office Closed

NO MASS AT 5:30 P.M.

Tuesday – Martedì December 26 St. Stephen

9:00 a.m. †Filomena Zenga

Office Closed

No Evening Mass

Wednesday – Mercoledì December 27 St. John

7:30 a.m. †Lidia Minicucci

**8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**

7:30 p.m. †Angelo Soleti (40 Yrs)

**Thursday – Giovedì December 28
The Holy Innocents**

7:30 a.m. †Diana Bernardelli

7:00 p.m. Mem.Mass: †Ettore Ferritto (Died in Italy)

**Friday – Venerdì December 29
St. Thomas Becket**

7:30 a.m. Bilingual Mass

7:00 p.m. Mem.Mass: †Pasqualina Rocca (1 Mo)

Saturday – Sabato December 30

7:30 a.m. †Rocco Bitondo (3 Yrs)

**12:30 p.m. Wedding- Terry Indelicato &
Sara DiBenedetto**



MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!
BUON NATALE!!!
JOYEUX NOEL!!!